

Eddie Sleeper

From: Sue Kelly <suekelly77@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 2:56 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: SB 1197

I am opposed to SB 1197

Susan Kelly
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Eddie Sleeper

From: sandi disante <dinerbetty@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 12:18 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: SB 1197

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please vote NO on SB 1197

Sandra DiSante
Charlevoix

Eddie Sleeper

From: Dixon Dudderar <djrendezvous79@iserv.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 8, 2018 9:48 AM
To: Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Sam Singh (District 69); Rep. Christine Greig (District 37)
Cc: Patty Peek; Senator Wayne Schmidt; Eddie Sleeper; Rep. Triston Cole (District 105); Rep. Sue Allor (District 106)
Subject: STUDY / Gary Street/ LINE 5 / U.P. Propane Supplies
Attachments: STREET Propane-6-GLS-Final.pdf; LONDON NWF Line 5 Propane.pdf

Hello Committee Members & Others:

*It appears the Line 5 Tunnel issue — via **SB 1197** — will be on your radar this coming week. I wanted to make sure you had these two studies on propane supplies and costs, as they relate to the possible termination of Line 5 and the impact of such a shutdown on propane users in the Upper Peninsula.*

These two (2) reports have also been sent to Government Operations Committee Chairman Chatfield. Hopefully, you all will have read them before you take this matter up next week. Thanks in advance!

Sincerely,

*Dixon Dudderar
MPA Environmental Policy, Indiana University
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CC Sen. Wayne Schmidt, Et al

Gary Street Study:

Another Major Study: Summary:

1. There is no shortage of propane in the United States and supply is growing faster than demand.
2. The least expensive alternative supply options are pipeline transportation to Superior, Wisconsin combined with either trucking from Superior to Rapid River or rail from Superior to Rapid River. The cost of these two options could be nearly identical. They could add an estimated \$0.11 per gallon to the cost of propane supply in the Upper Peninsula. An econometric analysis of propane demand in Michigan shows that this cost increase would translate into a \$0.05 per gallon increase in consumer propane prices in the Upper Peninsula.
3. Although more expensive options are available, the report says it would not make sense to assume that these would be chosen instead of the least expensive option, except under emergency conditions. Even if rail or trucking from Kincheloe to Rapid River was free, the total cost of using the Kincheloe route would be higher than the route from Edmonton through Superior.
4. In the Lower Peninsula, the impact on the cost of propane may be negligible. The report says a price increase of \$0.05 per gallon is small compared with the usual volatility of weekly propane prices. Michigan prices swung from \$0.86 per gallon to \$3.50 per gallon over the past few years. The small

price increase from using alternatives to Enbridge Line 5 would be lost in the noise of typical price volatility.

Eddie Sleeper

From: Paula Buckman <paulabob444@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 8, 2018 7:47 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Reject substitute SB 1197

Stop the rushed tunnel in the Straits of Mackinaw!!!

Please reject substitute SB 1197—

The substitute version of Senate Bill 1197 is highly irresponsible for the long-term health of the Great Lakes by requiring a board that is not even created yet to be formed and enter into agreements for construction, maintenance, operation, and decommission of a utility tunnel in less than a months' time, by December 31, 2018. **The current administration has been evaluating Line 5 since 2014 and the Michigan Pipeline Safety Advisory Board has been researching the matter for the last three years. It is unreasonable and reckless to expect a board not yet appointed to enter into binding agreements dictating the future of Line 5 for the next 100 years in just a couple weeks.**

Paula and Joe Buckman
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Sent from my Mobile Office

Eddie Sleeper

From: Robin <robinroz1@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 4:23 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Reject SB 1197

The Senate passed a substitute version of Senate Bill 1197 to authorize a utility tunnel in the Straits of Mackinac. While the bill now creates a new Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority, the Corridor Authority Board must report to the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA). Therefore, the Bridge Authority will still have responsibility for the utility tunnel. This is not an appropriate function of a governmental body whose mission is solely focused on the Mackinac Bridge.

In addition, the substitute version of Senate Bill 1197 is highly irresponsible with the long-term health of the Great Lakes by requiring a board that is not even created to be formed and enter into agreements for construction, maintenance, operation, and decommission of a utility tunnel in less than a months' time, by December 31, 2018. The current administration has been evaluating Line 5 since 2014 and the Michigan Pipeline Safety Advisory Board has been researching the matter for the last three years. It is unreasonable and reckless to expect a board not yet appointed to enter into binding agreements dictating the future of Line 5 for the next 100 years in just a couple weeks.

Senate Bill 1197 has been referred to the House Committee on Government Operations.

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Suann Kughn <skughn@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:52 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Proposal SB 1197

Dear Representative Eddie Sleeper

Please do not rush through a proposal that could have negative impacts on Michigan's health and economy

Please reject proposal **SB 1197!**

Thank you

Sue Kughn

Sent from my iPhone

Eddie Sleeper

From: sandi disante <dinerbetty@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 8:20 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: line 5 tunnel

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please STOP this!

thank you.

Sandra DiSante

Charlevoix

Eddie Sleeper

From: JoEllen <jobee949@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 7:35 PM
To: Rep. Lee Chatfield (District 107); Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Sam Singh (District 69); Rep. Christine Greig (District 37); Eddie Sleeper
Subject: SB 1197

Please vote NO on SB 1197. Do not approve it to go to the House floor for a vote. The legislature still meets in January. This bad bill has unwisely been rushed to pass in lame duck.

Although it has been slightly changed, it still has the MBA ultimately responsible for the tunnel and pipeline. That is totally a poor resolution to the Line 5 problem. This revised bill still has too many issues that need to be thoroughly discussed and debated. The MI Pipeline Safety Advisory Board has been working on a solution for three years. They know much more about all that is involved than the Michigan legislators do about running a SAFE pipeline. Please VOTE NO! on this bill.

Pick it up again in 2019 and take the time to thoroughly research the problem, include the Pipeline Safety Advisory Board and the residents and businesses of Northern Lower and Upper MI and the Mackinac Bridge Authority in all discussion. There is no rush. I'm sure your parents taught you to take your time, don't rush and do things right the FIRST time. This bill is not the RIGHT way to approach the huge problem of Line 5.

In case you care at all, highly doubtful by your disgraceful actions in lame duck, the vast majority of Michigan voters voted for Gretchen Whitmer and Dana Nessel because they want Line 5 shut down. Voters hate the back room deal that Gov. Snyder made with Enbridge especially after years of public comments over-whelmingly wanting Line 5 shut down. Enbridge is a lying and untrustworthy company. It is insane to trust the Northern Michigan economy to "their word".

JoEllen Rudolph

Charlevoix County.

Eddie Sleeper

From: Marta Olson <marta@mintakadesign.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 6:27 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: NO on SB1197

Hello,

I have been a resident of Mackinac Island for over 60 years and my father was the Director of Mackinac State Historic Parks. You should know how precious the Great Lakes are to everyone in this state and many others. It is totally irresponsible to be rushing a bill through in less than a month that will potentially have terrible impacts on our state and country. It just makes no sense.

Please consider the health of our state rather than a short term political gain or a favor to a private company. Your loyalty should be to the citizens of Michigan.

I appreciate your stance against having the MBA in this position, but please do not create this new authority and rush through an oversight group on such a critical issue that is overwhelmingly against the desires of our residents.

Thank you.
Marta Olson

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Alicia Webster <alokay.webster@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: reject SB 1197

Please protect our lakes and reject SB 1197. Alicia Webster

Eddie Sleeper

From: Kate Cwikiel <Kate@watershedcouncil.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 3:39 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Reject SB 1197

As a representative of Northern Michigan, I hope you will do the right thing and **reject Senate Bill 1197!**

Kate Cwikiel
Concerned Citizen
Harbor Springs, MI

Eddie Sleeper

From: John Kafer <jgkafer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 2:13 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: SB 1197

Reject this bill!

Oversight structure is unrealistic and inadequate.....

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John Kafer

"Think and let think" -- John Wesley

Eddie Sleeper

From: Rita <ritamitchell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 3:23 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Senate Bill 1197 is Unnecessary

Dear Mr. Sleeper,

I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 1197, to be considered by the Michigan House Government Operations Committee.

The rush to action that is being taken is subject to implementing unintended consequences that will cause harm to the people of Michigan and our natural resources. Members of the Committee must take responsibility for keeping Michigan water clean, for supporting Michigan's tourism, fishing, farming, and shipping economy. The Representatives can better assure our common health and safety by voting NO on Senate Bill 1197.

Harm will be caused by:

- Ongoing exposure of the submerged lands of Lake Michigan to risk of fossil fuel leakage from the existing 65 year old, damaged pipeline,
- Support of a private Canadian oil pipeline company that contributes little to the economy of Michigan, in contrast to our tourism, fishing, shipping, farming, and use of fresh water by residents and visitors,
- Potential liability risk to be taken on by the people of Michigan, for a tunnel that is unnecessary,
- Expense for management and maintenance of an unnecessary tunnel, by administration of the State of Michigan,
- Violation of treaty rights for Michigan tribes, for access to fishing and clean water,
- Short-sighted support of fossil fuels at a point when Michigan could support change to use of renewable energy, and the associated creation of non-polluting jobs.

In short, the risk of a pipeline tunnel for a private foreign company exceeds gain for the people of Michigan.

Please tell the Representatives of the Government Operations Committee that I want each of them to vote NO on Senate Bill 1197.

Sincerely,

Rita Mitchell
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Eddie Sleeper

From: Beverly Wolf <Bev_Wolf@Comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: in lieu of verbal testimony in opposition to SB 1197

I am writing as a Michiganiaan with property on northern Lake Huron to voice my opposition to SB 1197. Every day that Pipeline 5 operates the odds of terrible disaster increases. Pipeline 5's life span has been exceeded. It has been damaged. It has had minor leaks. It cannot continue to operate under any circumstances for any period of time, let alone potentially another 10 years. At risk is about 20% of the world's fresh water; the Great Lakes must be protected for residents of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Ontario, and on outward to the Atlantic.

The very idea that this pipeline, or even a tunnel, is of great value to Michigan or it's residents, is ridiculous. The pipeline starts in Canada, and enters the Great Lakes for the sole purpose of saving a Canadian company the money and effort to find an alternate route (granted it would be longer and more costly) through Canada to move their deadly, polluting product to resurface back in Canada. We owe this company nothing. Nothing. Our safety, and the safety of our critical natural resources must take precedence over this Canadian company.

Finally, I am totally opposed to the proposed changes in the Bridge Authority. After a fiscal analysis by Mr. Siracuse, he determined that: The bill would empower the Mackinac Bridge Authority (Authority), which is responsible for the management and maintenance of the Mackinac Bridge, to build and operate a utility tunnel to connect the Upper and Lower Peninsulas at the Straits of Mackinac. The cost to the Authority to build a tunnel is not currently known, nor are there estimates for annual operational expenses. It is not clear from the language of the bill that the Authority would bear the cost, or partial cost, to build a tunnel. It also is not clear the language would authorize the Mackinac Bridge Authority to bond for such a project. The bill would allow the Authority to lease the tunnel once constructed, but no rates are identified in the bill and no estimates on leasing revenue are currently available. No estimates are currently available in regards to an economic impact related to the construction project or for insurance and liability costs for clean up in the event of a detrimental environmental impact. A request for information to the Mackinac Bridge Authority related to the cost of the project, and of the Authority's current financial status was not returned.

Thank you,

Beverly Wolf
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